

Defend Against Ambush or Attack



Motivational Statement

In a wartime situation, all motor transport operations are subject to enemy action. Threat tactics are based on surprise, mass, maneuver, mobility, firepower, and shock action. Truck drivers and truck units will be high in priority among potential targets, unless it has been determined through intelligence or observation that they are transporting sensitive materials. You must know the proper defense procedures when ambushed or attacked that are relevant to your position in the kill zone and the operational status of your unit.

Objective



At the completion of this lesson you (the student) will be able to demonstrate your skill and knowledge to effectively defend against an enemy ambush or attack in or out of the kill zone by taking corrective actions when attacked without injury to personnel or damage to equipment IAW FM 55-30

Air Attack



- The Air Threat
- Alarm signals
- Active defense (large volume of fire)
 - Firing positions (prone and from cover)
- Tips for small arms air defense



Air Attack

Passive defense:

- Dispersion
- Open column
- Closed column
- Camouflage and concealment
- Air guard duties
- Communications security

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Artillery or Indirect Fire

- Active defense
- Passive defense



Sniper Fire

- Friendly troops
- Wear combat helmets and armored vests
- Drive through area without stopping
- Watch for possible natural ambush sites such
Cliffs, steep embankments, swamps, steep
steep grades, sharp curves in the road,
narrow trails, streams and heavily wooded
- Watch for man-made obstacles:
Mines, booby traps, demolitions, road blocks
and damaged bridges
- No-fire zones

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Ambush Defense - Road Not Blocked

- If the vehicle is in the kill zone, keep moving out of the kill zone.
- If the vehicle is beyond the kill zone, keep moving until directed to halt.
- If the vehicle is not yet in the kill zone, dismount and take up a defensive position.
- If the vehicle becomes disabled in the kill zone, dismount and if possible get on a vehicle still operating.
- If the vehicle is disabled in the kill zone, take return fire on the enemy, if unable to mount a position on a vehicle.

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Ambush Defense - Road Blocked

- Try to clear the disabled vehicle off the road by pushing it to the side of the road.
- If the vehicle is in the kill zone, dismount, take cover, and return maximum volume of fire.
- If the vehicle is past the kill zone, keep moving until directed to halt.
- If the vehicle is not in the kill zone, dismount and take a defensive position.

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Convoy Defense, Mines, Booby Traps

- Track vehicle in front
- Avoid driving on shoulder of road
- Whenever possible, do not run over foreign objects, brush, or grass in the road.
- Avoid fresh earth in the road.
- Observe local national traffic and reactions of people
- When possible, arrange for engineers to sweep
- Harden vehicles.
- Wear protective equipment.

Summary



- Air Attack
- Artillery or Indirect Fire
- Sniper Fire
- Ambush defense - Road Not Blocked
- Ambush defense - Road Blocked
- Convoy Defense - Mines, Booby Traps